

market, receiving testimony from Charles A. Hunnicutt, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; former Virginia Governor Gerald L. Baliles, Richmond, on behalf of ACCESS U.S.-Japan; Frederick W. Smith, Federal Express Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee; Gerald Greenwald, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois; Clyde Prestowitz, Economic Strategy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and John H. Dasburg, Northwest Airlines, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM USER FEES

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded oversight hearings to review procedures to collect entrance and special use fees for units of the National Park System and the status of the Fee Demonstration program implemented by the National Park Service in 1996, after receiving testimony from Denis P. Galvin, Acting Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Philip H. Voorhees, National Parks and Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; Stefan J. Jackson, National Outdoor Leadership School, Lander, Wyoming; Richard R. Hoffman, American Whitewater, Silver Spring, Maryland; and Barry S. Tindall, National Recreation and Park Association, Arlington, Virginia.

#### RECONCILIATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee continued in evening session to consider recommendations which

it will make to the Committee on the Budget with respect to spending reductions and revenue increases with regard to tax provisions to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

#### GLOBAL CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine global climate change issues, including S. Res. 98, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the conditions for the United States becoming a signatory to any international agreement on greenhouse gas emissions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of 1992, and the United States negotiating position during the multi-national conference to be held in December 1997 in Kyoto, Japan, after receiving testimony from Senator Byrd; Representative Dingell; Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs; Richard L. Trumka, AFL/CIO, Washington, D.C.; Bryce Neidig, Madison, Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and Kevin Fay, International Climate Change Partnership, Arlington, Virginia. ca

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 42 public bills, H.R. 1960–2001; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 101 and H. Res. 170–172, were introduced. **Pages H4085–86**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1553, to amend the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 to extend the authorization of the Assassination Records Review Board until September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–138 Part I); and

H. Res. 167, providing special investigative authorities for the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight (H. Rept. 105–139). **Pages H4084–85**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Calvert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Frank of Massachusetts motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 123 yeas to 282 nays, Roll No. 210. **Pages H3925–26**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the Forbes motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 27 yeas to 389 nays, Roll No. 211. **Pages H3933–34**

**Department of Defense Authorization Act:** The House completed general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. **Pages H3945–H4069**

Agreed to:

The Spence amendment that incorporates portions of H.R. 1778, the Defense Reform Act, with provisions that direct various organizational, management, and business practices reforms; streamline acquisition procedures; reduce headquarters staffs by 25 percent; reduce personnel employed in acquisition and transportation organizations of the Department of Defense; mandate that certain commercial functions including finance and accounting services be competitively procured; and authorize the Navy to enter into contracts for long-term lease or charter of newly built auxiliary support vessels (agreed to by a recorded vote of 405 ayes to 14 noes Roll No. 215);

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The Spence amendment that requires prior export approval for supercomputers with a composite theoretical performance of more than 2,000 million of theoretical operations per second (MTOPS) to countries which may violate non-proliferation agreements without the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Energy, Secretary of State, and the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (agreed to by a recorded vote of 332 ayes to 88 noes Roll No. 216); and

**Pages H4049–56, H4067–68**

The Shays amendment that establishes efforts to increase defense Burdensharing and directs the President to seek from each nation with cooperative military relations with the United States to increase the payment of nonpersonnel costs for stationing U.S. military in the nation, increase its annual budgetary outlays for national defense as a percentage of gross domestic product, increase its annual outlay for foreign assistance, or increase the amount of military assets contributed to multinational military activities; and to encourage these actions, authorizes the President to reduce the level of U.S. personnel assigned to the host nation; impose fees similar to those charged to the United States; reduce U.S. contributions to NATO, and suspend, reduce or terminate bilateral security agreements. **Pages H4063–67**

Rejected:

The Sanders amendment that sought to reduce overall authorized spending levels by 5 percent, a reduction of \$13.4 billion, in fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (rejected by a recorded vote of 89 ayes to 332 noes, Roll No. 214); and

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The Harman amendment that sought to permit abortions at Defense facilities overseas for female members of the armed forces and dependents (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 224 noes Roll No. 217);

**Pages H4056–63, H4068–69**

Agreed to H. Res. 169, as amended, the rule providing for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 322 ayes to 101 noes Roll No. 213. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 161, H. Res. 162, and H. Res. 165 were laid on the table.

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Earlier, by a yea-and-nay vote of 329 yeas to 94 nays, Roll No. 212, agreed to the Solomon amendment to the rule, that made in order during consideration of H.R. 1119 certain amendments: No. 7, in a modified form, offered by Representative Dellums or his designee, No. 15, in a modified form, offered by Representative Frank of Massachusetts or his designee, the last amendment in part 1 offered by Representative Everett or his designee, penultimate amendment in part 2 offered by Representative Weldon of Pennsylvania or his designee, and the last amendment in part 2 offered by Representative Traficant or his designee; and provides that the additional debate on United States forces in Bosnia shall precede the offering of amendments numbered 8 and 9 of House Report 105–137, the report accompanying the rule.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received today from the Senate appears on page H3926.

**Referrals:** S. 923, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H4084**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4087.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3925–26, H3933–34, H3944–45, H3945, H4032–33, H4067, H4067–68, and H4068–69. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **FOREST ECOSYSTEM HEALTH**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing on forest ecosystem health in the Inland West and Northeast. Testimony was heard from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Jim Hubbard, State Forester, Forest Service, State of Colorado; Phil Bryce, State Forester, Division of Forest and Lands, State of New Hampshire; Chuck Gadzik, State Forester, Forest Service, State of Maine; and public witnesses.